

1 REMARKS

2 Status of the Claims

3 Claims 1-44 are pending in the present application. Claims 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 24, and 40 have
4 been amended to correct typographical errors, and Claims 1, 22, 26, 32, 35, and 38 having been
5 amended to more clearly recite that the subject matter is directed toward a concrete, useful and
6 tangible result.

7 General Application Status

8 The Examiner indicates that applicants' traversal of the Restriction Requirement has been
9 found persuasive and the restriction requirement is withdrawn, that priority is acknowledged, that the
10 Information Disclosure Statement has been considered in full, that drawings are acceptable, and has
11 indicated the prior art made of record.

12 Claims Rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101

13 The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-
14 statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner states that the claims do not include a physical
15 transformation of matter and thus do not provide a practical application.

16 The Examiner has indicated that this rejection could be overcome by amending the claims to
17 recite that a result is "stored" or "outputted."

18 Accordingly, applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 22, 26, 32, 35, and 38 to recite
19 the useful, concrete and tangible result of either outputting indications of the minimum and maximum
20 widths to a user, and/or storing such indications for later use. Support for this amendment is found in
21 FIGURE 10, which illustrates a computing system including a display 34 (i.e., means for visually
22 outputting indications of the minimum and maximum widths to a user), a memory 38 (i.e., means for
23 storing indications of the minimum and maximum widths for later use), and a data storage 40 (i.e.,
24 further means for storing indications of the minimum and maximum widths for later use); as well as
25 in FIGURE 5 and the specification on page 10, lines 11-12, which teaches that FIGURE 5 indicates
26 the estimated thicknesses with bright lines corresponding to maximum and minimum thicknesses
27 (i.e., an example of visually outputting indications of the minimum and maximum widths to a user).
28 Based on the amendments to the independent claims, applicants respectfully request that the
29 Examiner withdraw the rejection of Claims 1-44 under 35 U.S.C § 101.

1 In view of the Remarks set forth above, it will be apparent that the claims in this application define a
2 novel and non-obvious invention. The application is in condition for allowance and should be passed to
3 issue without further delay. Should any further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone
4 applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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6 Respectfully submitted,

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